Docket No: 06-0525 **R.O.M.:** 11/20/07 **Deadline:** 8/8/07

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Claudia E. Sainsot, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: November 5, 2007

SUBJECT: Illinois Commerce Commission

On its own Motion,

Consideration of the federal standard on Interconnection in

Section 1254 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter the attached Interim Order notifying all electric

providers of the existence of this docket.

The attached Order notifies all electric providers that may be subject to the new state Net Metering Statute, (220 ILCS 5/16-107.5) that, pursuant to the federal EPAct, in this docket, this Commission has been in the process of developing standards regarding interconnection.¹

This Commission commenced the instant docket on July 26, 2006, in order to consider EPAct Standard 15, which concerns interconnection between electric consumers that own generating facilities and electric providers. (See, 15 U.S.C. Secs. 2621(a) and (d)(15)). However, the EPAct only requires development of such standards for large electric companies. As a result, only MidAmerican Energy Co, the Ameren Utilities and Commonwealth Edison Company were notified of this docket. The new Net Metering Statute mentions Alternative Electric Suppliers and it appears to include smaller electric companies, such as Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co. The attached Order notifies these additional electric providers of the existence of this docket and when they may participate-at the next status hearing on December 18, 2007. It also notifies those additional electric providers of the existence of the new state law.

The attached Order 's only purpose is notification; it makes no substantive legal or factual conclusions. It was served as an Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Order on the parties to this docket on October 24, 2007. No party voiced any objection to its contents.

¹ Subsections (c) and (h) of this statute require the development of interconnection standards. (220 ILCS 5/16-107.5(c) and (h)).

I therefore recommend that the Commission enter the attached Interim Order.

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